

LATEST WAR
BULLETINS.MERRIMAC WAS SUNK BY HER
OWN CREW.Unconfirmed Report Spanish
Fleet Destroyed--More
Cuban Transports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4.—The official dispatches telling of the sinking of the Merrimac, have been received at the Navy Department. It is understood that immediate orders for an exchange of prisoners has been made. It is reported, also, that the Merrimac was sunk by her own crew instead of by a mine.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Both the Iowa and Tennessee troops will be paid for mustering time, and the latter advanced a full month's pay before going west.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4.—It is understood that the Navy Department has heard from Admiral Sampson, and after his dispatches are translated they may be obtained if they relate to past events.

KEY WEST, June 4.—The gunboat Marietta has arrived here. All are well.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4.—The navy department admit they know all about the plan to use the Merrimac to block the channel at Santiago; that the vessel was to go in with a volunteer crew, and so only eight men were on board and Commander Miller was one of them. It is believed that nothing will be done until the army arrives.



REAR ADMIRAL MILLER.

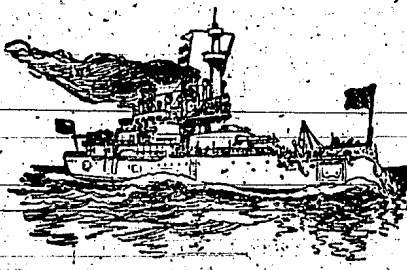
MOBILE, June 4.—Five transports left here today with troops, their destination said to be Tampa, but the officials are really under sealed orders.



GENERAL MERRITT.

CAPE HAITIEN, June 4.—Late advices of Tuesday's bombardment at Santiago say that eight Spaniards were killed. Authentic advices from American fleet say Sampson decided to sink Merrimac and block harbor. At call for volunteers 4000 came forward. Lieutenant Hobson and others were selected. Merrimac went under her own steam, sunk herself with torpedoes taken in her own hold. Crew captured, none killed.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—2:15 Merritt's messages saying he will sail with troops on Saturday has caused new activity in getting ships. The Para, Pueblo and Indiana are expected to make the third expedition.



THE INDIANA.

PORT AU PRINCE, June 4.—Reports from Santiago say that the Spanish have dynamited the Merrimac to clear the channel for the expected coming of reinforcements for Cervera.

CAPE HAITIEN, June 4.—Unconfirmed reports in circulation that the Spanish fleet in Santiago was destroyed by Americans yesterday.

KEY WEST, June 4.—Vessels arrived from the Havana-Caribbean blockade line report that the Spaniards are erecting new fortifications at various points.

CAPE HAITIEN, June 4.—The Spanish admiral at Santiago, under flag of truce, sent word to the Americans that the Merrimac prisoners would be treated kindly until exchanged.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The government has chartered the steamers Gate City and City of Macon for transports for the invading army of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Dr. Samuel O. L. Potter of California was today nominated to be Brigade Surgeon with rank of Major.

Fire Late This Afternoon.

The residence of Assemblyman Howard E. Wright on Atherton street, caught fire this afternoon from lace curtains. Damage about \$500.

A Sunday School Picnic.

The North Berkeley Sunday school enjoyed a delightful picnic to Redwood canyon today. They started from the church at 8 o'clock, and all Berkeley knew it before the three wagons loaded with children and older folk came within a block.

They passed through the town giving cheers for something that other people could not understand. The party arrived at their destination long before noon and by the time lunch the little folks were ready to eat everything in sight. The day was perfect and everything else, which will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend. Arrangements were in charge of John McCarthy.

To Help the Red Cross.

At the meeting of Robin Hood Circle, No. 58, C. of P. of A., of San Francisco, held on Wednesday evening last, a committee of three was appointed to act in conjunction with Court Aurora, Foresters of America, in getting up a series of entertainments for the benefit of the Red Cross Society. Can not Alameda county Foresters do something?

Baptist Picnic.

The Baptist Sunday school scholars and teachers enjoyed a delightful outing today when they were taken in McCleod's big four-horse wagon to Oak Grove. There were about forty who went, and a merrier crowd could not have been found. The weather prophet favored them and provided perfect a picnic day. This, combined with the natural beauties of Oak Grove and plenty of good things to eat, made it a memorable time in the history of Sunday school picnics.

BLIND PUPILS'
ENTERTAINMENT.SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT AT
THE INSTITUTION.Gussie Mast, a Phenomenal
Musician--an Interest-
ing Program.

The annual concert given by the blind pupils of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind, was held last night in the assembly hall of that institution. Otto Fleissner, director of music, had charge of the program, which consisted of twelve numbers. The performers ranged in age from little boys and girls just entering to young ladies and gentlemen, who will on June 7th receive their diplomas of graduation. Considering their age and physical defects, many of them are, and others of them give promise of being, master musicians.

The first number on the program, a chorus, "The Sea Hath Its Pearls," was rendered at 8 o'clock, by which time the large assembly hall was crowded. This chorus and another, "Tannhauser March," with which the second part of the program closed, were beautiful and touching.

Six wee little girls and boys stood in the front row upon the stage; behind them a long line of young ladies dressed in dainty white, and in the rear a line of young men. There were about thirty-five in all. Sweetly indeed did they sing, "The Sea Hath Its Pearls," while their sightless orbs were turned heavenward as if contemplating a world not seen with human eyes.

Miss Gussie Mast in her solos was the most remarkable performer of the evening. She is regarded as the most phenomenal musician ever trained at the institution. Her enraptured listeners were not satisfied until she had responded to two encores to her soprano solo. These responses were stanzas of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the moment her clear, beautiful voice sounded the inspiring chorus the vast audience was swept to its feet and joined in the national anthem so dear to every heart. Following is the program in full:

Chorus, "The Sea Hath Its Pearls," Pinsuti
Organ solo, "Melody," Scott Clark
Miss Helen Mesow
Piano solo, "Petite Bolero," Ravina
Master Charles Caerres
Baritone solo, "A Bandit's Life Is the Life for Me," Harper
William Brooks
Piano solo, "Soiree de Vienna" Schubert
Miss Gussie Mast
Organ solo, "Overture, 'Martha'" Flofow
Arranged for organ by Otto Fleissner, Miss Lily Smith.
Piano solo, "Etude Arabesque," Lack
Miss Helen Mesow
Soprano solo, recitation and cavatina from Beatrice di Tenda, "Ohi mie fidele," Ballenti
Miss Gussie Mast
Organ solo, "For Holy Communion," Calkin
Eben Gay
Piano solo, "Rondo," Op. 1. Chopin
Miss Lily Smith
Organ solo, "Fantasie in E Minor," Markel
Miss Gussie Mast
Chorus, "Tannhauser March" Wagner
Arranged by Otto Fleissner.

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The Volunteers' Drill.

As announced, Company I Volunteers, assembled in front of Odd Fellows' hall at 8 o'clock last evening and proceeded to the University campus, where they drilled for two hours with sixty men. However, this will not be continued without a special permit from President Kellogg.

Jack Wright has offered the company the use of Golden Sheaf hall for drilling, if they will pay janitor and gas bills, which amounts to about \$2 a night. It is very probable that this offer will be accepted, as the company has no quarters at present.

A letter has been received from Santa Barbara stating that a regiment of cavalry is being organized there which expects to go with the next Manila expedition; in fact General Merritt has promised this, and they offer the Berkeley company a place. Of course our boys have organized as infantry but the change can readily be made, especially as the company is anxious to go to the front and this is a chance for immediate action.

The following letter has just been received in response to their request to join the Fifth regiment:

SACRAMENTO, June 2, 1898.

J. G. Jessup, 2101 College way, Berkeley, Cal.—Dear Sir: Your letter of the 31st ult. to the Governor in losing application for the organization of a company in the Fifth infantry, N. G. C., has been referred to this office, and in reply will state that your application has been placed on file for the action of the Board of Location and Organization. Very respectfully,

R. L. PEELER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

High School Party.

Last night Shattuck hall was the scene of a very charming party given by the High School class of '98. There were about 100 couples on the floor who danced away the hours, which to them passed only too quickly. The young ladies, gowned in dainty light, contrasted well with the black of the sterner sex. Sprinkled among them, as if to lend spice to the evening, were the soldier boys in uniform. Chaparons were relegated to the gallery, where they filled a large space.

All day yesterday the class worked with decorations; and last night both banquet room and hall were beautiful in flowers and palms.

After each number the dancers left the hall for refreshments and the cooler banquet room, where they sat amongst its greenery and enjoyed a tete-a-tete. Not until the wee sma' hours did the last strain of music cease, and Berkeley High school had completed its career.

Russell S. Springer acted as floor manager, and the committee in charge of arrangements was Henry Spencer, Hewett Davenport, Tyrell Hamlin, Ernest Clark, and Misses Elsie Hunt, Agnes Forgie and Katie Keys.

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SOUTH BERKELEY PRESBYTERIAN.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. in South Berkeley hall. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Mr. MacMurtry. Subject, "Samson's Failure." Dr. McDonald, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, will speak in the evening.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The services for Sunday, June 5th, will be: Morning, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered after an appropriate discourse. In the evening Dr. Minton will speak on "The Secret of Paul's Omnipotence."

FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. D. J. Pierce will begin a series of patriotic sermons tomorrow evening; the first of which will show the origin of our Constitution and the amendments concerning liberty of religion and the press. The second will give the history of Diaz in Cuba, and the third, the prevailing trend of the present day.

Communion at 11 a. m. with appropriate sermon, entitled "Till He Comes."

WEST BERKELEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 holy baptism will be administered to four children during the ordinary evening service—which will be shortened. There will also be a very short address by the Rev. W. H. Ratcliff.

The Ladies' Guild will meet at Mrs. Benton's, Fourth street, near Delaware, on Wednesday next at 2 o'clock, when important business will be discussed.

WEST BERKELEY METHODIST.

Subject, 11:00 a. m.—The nature and design of Christ's baptism and the Lord's supper. 8:00 p. m.—Epworth league.

WEST BERKELEY PRESBYTERIAN.

The pastor will preach morning and evening Sunday, June 12th, will be Children's Day. A special program is being prepared for that occasion.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. George B. Hatch will preach in the morning. There will be no evening service.

ST. MARKS.

Rev. Ratcliff of West Berkeley will conduct services, which will be held as usual.

NORTH BERKELEY CONGREGATIONAL.
Rev. Mr. Brill of Oberlin, Ohio is expected to conduct the services in this church Sunday morning and evening.

NOTES.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will hold an open meeting Sunday evening instead of regular service.

The Red Cross Society of West Berkeley will hold a meeting Sunday, June 12, at 4 p. m., at the M. E. Church.

Salvation Army.

A special meeting, known as the "Children's Annual," will be held at the Salvation Army hall on Addison street, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The program of songs and recitations by the children will be conducted by I. S. Sergeant Major Mrs. Hill. Admission free and all welcome.

Mrs. Hill, wife of the Rev. C. W. Hill, formerly pastor of the Berkeley Congregational Church, sailed for Hilo to-day. She has been visiting friends about the bay. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been living at Hilo for several years. Recently they acquired a coffee plantation on Mount Kilaua, eight miles from the great volcano.

A Society Affair.

The recitation given by Miss L. Florence Heine, violinist, and Miss Marie L. Heine, pianist, at the home of Mrs. Clinton Day yesterday, was a very successful affair socially and financially. A large sum was realized for the benefit of the Red Cross Society.

PROGRAM.

Andante et Caprice.....De Beriot
Le Desir.....Jules de Swert
Elftanz.....Popper
Sonata, op. 24.....Beethoven
Adagio, Scherzo, Allegro molto
Rondo, Allegro ma non troppo

Andante.....Tschalkowsky
Scene de la Scarda.....Jeno Hubay

Bath Beach.

The horse-car line has been doing a good-sized business today, as many Berkeley people have availed themselves of the delightfully warm day to take a plunge in the briny deep. Such weather makes one appreciate the fact that there is such a resort on the borders of our town, and can be reached so easily. The beach has been covered all day with picnic parties, families who take their lunch and have a day of perfect enjoyment. The management has shown today what it is capable of doing.

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ALAMEDA COUNTY AND THE GOVERNORSHIP.

Alameda county politics grows more animated as the time shortens for the selection of delegates. The situation, in some respects, is confusing, conflicting and complicated, and in the contest for the governorship is, to our mind, unfortunate.

The Republicans of this county have a feeling of assurance, for which there are sufficient and honorable reasons, that the nominee of the next State convention can be given to Alameda county. She has faithfully and fully won the crown that should be placed upon the head of one of her sons by the Republicans of the State. This is conceded in many quarters. But is it not a fact that the party in this county is handicapped and rendered helpless in the contest? We have two candidates for the office of governor, Messrs. Davis and Pardee; both are gentlemen above reproach, and either would make a governor that would be an honor to the party and the whole State. Each has his personal and political friends; and no doubt each has claims, but these are secondary considerations in matters of political preference. Men with largest claims, as they often view it, are frequently defeated. Success must come through a combination of favorable circumstances.

As matters now stand in this county there are increasing indications that the nomination for Governor will go to some other locality. When it comes to doing real work for candidates, above those for county offices, the party must be united or suffer the consequences. The work for a nominee for Governor must depend almost entirely upon the Republicans of the home county, and when there is a division at home members of the party outside look elsewhere for their favorites; and no matter how strong the county's claims or desirable her alliance, she is left to fight her own battles and must come into the race at the end crippled and often single-handed.

Every elector has the right to be a candidate for any office in the gift of the people, but the party through which he operates has rights above and beyond those of the individual members of it; and in State matters counties should present a solid and united front for their own men.

The GAZETTE, in the interest of the party at large, and the individual members who honor and admire each of Alameda's aspirants, would urge the advisability, and indeed the necessity, of a harmonious arrangement by which but one name shall be considered in connection with the governorship. We say this realizing that one of the candidates would have to "bottle-up" his aspiration until a more convenient season. Both are our friends, and yet we have our personal preferences, not hesitating to say that we shall feel exceedingly grateful for the opportunity of casting the ballot at the fall election, for Hon. William R. Davis.

We are not informed as to the relative strength of Mr. Davis and Mr. Pardee at this time, but have in mind, above all, the success of the county in securing the position at the head of the State ticket. This is the first consideration and it will

be unfortunate if home affairs cannot be so adjusted that a solid and harmonious delegation shall go into the convention. The chances of success for a county do not come with every campaign in this State, and a scramble among friends at home is to be deplored.

The resolution endorsed by the Oakland Board of Trade, asking for the annexation of Hawaii, is in line with the almost universal thought of Californians. Many who, two months ago, were opposed to the proposition, now view the situation very differently. Conditions have materially changed since Dewey took possession at Manila, and since the Hawaiian Senate took a bold stand for the United States, an action fully endorsed by the people of the Islands. California does not wish to be longer misrepresented in the House or Senate of this Union, and if a hint is not sufficient, she may find it necessary to call a halt.

The address of General Barnes before the High School graduating class, Thursday evening, was of a patriotic character. General Barnes grows quite eloquent on topics of this nature, and always commands the respect and attention of his audiences; being a veteran he speaks from experience. It is apparent, however, that the General feels a little annoyed at not being at the front, at this important time, by reason of his age; but it is no disgrace to have grown a little old after valuable service in 1861-5.

SACRAMENTO RECORD-UNION: How stands the matter? Hawaii has declared herself our friend. She has said from her splendid position in the zenith of the trans-Pacific route that our ships may coal and revictual in her ports, regardless of the protests of Spain or any other Powers. By that act she has taken sides with us as does the close friend. She has not hidden behind the skirts of neutrality. Shall we then refuse to extend an arm in her behalf?

Those carping critics who are finding fault because Bryan has been made a colonel on the ground that he has had no military experience, have apparently forgotten that the gentleman was the author of "The First Battle."—San Francisco Post.

Yes, and won by the other fellow. But as a raw colonel he may be able to overawe a Spaniard, if the Spaniard is crippled.

A WESTERN paper recently requested answers to the question, "What do you regard as the most common fault of present-day young men?" The most original answer received was "Preference for a white shirt job."

The cable dispatcher at Madrid has changed chestnuts on "press the button," etc., to "press the keys and spin a yarn."

And now they tell us that Schley spells Sly. Well, we are sorry, but Schley is pretty Schlick, too.

Good Authority for It

It was President McKinley who, in addressing a company of aged men and women, "early settlers of northern Ohio," said: "It is a proud pleasure to me to be able to credit to my wife and to my mother what ever good things my fellow-countrymen ascribe to me. To wife and mother mankind is indebted for those high moral qualities, gentleness, truth and virtue, which are so indispensable to good character, good citizenship and noble life. Our whole political fabric rests upon the sanctity of the American home, where the true wife and mother preside. They teach the boys and girls purity of life and thought, and point the way to usefulness and distinction. The world owes them more than it can ever repay. The man who has a pure and true love for mother and wife requires no bond for his good behavior, and can be safely trusted in every relation in life."

TO THE VOTERS OF ALAMEDA CO.

GENTLEMEN: We the undersigned, employees of the Oakland Consolidated Street-Railroad Company, having heard through the press and other sources that our former Superintendent, Mr. A. K. Grim, is a candidate for County Recorder of this county, and we as employees having had long experience with him as Superintendent of the Grove street division of said Consolidated Street Railroad Company, and having confidence in his integrity and ability, and believing that the stand taken by him while Superintendent of said road in behalf of labor should entitle him to the unanimous support of the people of this county, we hereby recommend him to the voters of this county for the office of Recorder, and we hereby request the voters of said township to use every fair effort within their power to secure the election of a delegation to the next Republican County Convention favorable to Mr. A. K. Grim for said office.

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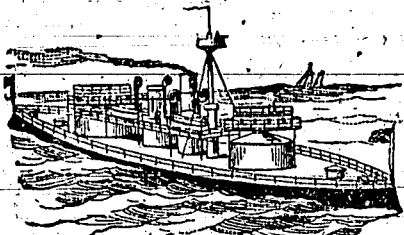
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The Present War Has Caused Many Former Objectors to Change Front—Waiting to Test the Efficiency of Various Types of Guns and Vessels—Behavior of Ships Being Observed—Authorities Agree That Such a Navy Could Be Built in Two Years.

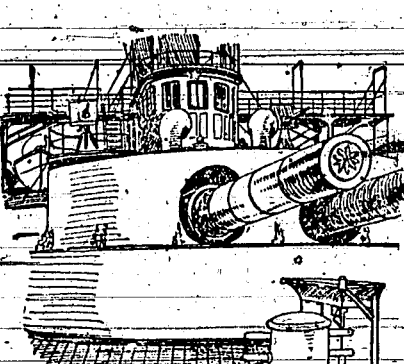
The agitation in congress for strengthening the navy is receiving the support of the administration, and this policy will henceforth become the tenets of the Republican party. As a beginning, at the close of the war with Spain several modern high power ships will be added to the navy.

The sentiment in favor of a stronger navy is so strong already that, were it not for the influence which is being exerted, contracts for ships would be immediately authorized by congress. The members of the house committee on naval affairs are, however, opposed to building any new vessels until the efficiency of the various types shall have been fully demonstrated by an engagement between Admiral Sampson's fleet and the Spanish squadron. That at Manila is not regarded as conclusive, because the Spanish ships were not armored and were of an obsolete type.

Another question yet to be settled is whether 8 inch guns are as effective as 10 and 12 inch guns. An eminent naval authority, in discussing the matter recently, said that while the 8 inch guns were the only ones used at Manila they proved most effective and that speed and other advantages are greatly facilitated by the smaller guns.



THE PURITAN.



FORWARD TURRET OF MONITOR PURITAN.

By request of the naval affairs committee, officers of the navy have been directed to observe carefully the behavior of their ships while in action and to embody their observations in a report to the department.

The estimated cost of making the navy superior to that of England is approximately \$1,000,000,000. The highest authorities in congress and the navy department agree that the work could be done in two years if necessary.

It can be stated authoritatively that the English type of vessel will not be duplicated. There are six shipbuilding firms in the United States, which can turn out vessels of any description, while some could be constructed at the various navy yards.

Heretofore it has been almost an impossibility to secure an appropriation from congress to build warships. It has insisted that the navy was large enough and that it would never be called upon to leave our shores. The war with Spain has demonstrated the fallacy of this.

The proposition to increase the navy has met with the bitterest opposition from representatives in congress living thousands of miles from the seacoast. They have time and again declared on the floor of the house that to increase the navy would be to waste the public money. But these are now among the warmest supporters of a modern navy.

Representative Hibborn of California, one of the leading members of the house committee on naval affairs and an authority on the construction of warships, said:

"During the Revolutionary war we built a few vessels, but at its close we found ourselves without a navy of any standing. Then in our trouble with the Barbary states we again found ourselves without a navy and began the building of six frigates. We completed three of them—the Constitution, the Constellation and the United States—and sold the material with which we were to build the others. When we made a treaty with the Bey of Algiers, who had paid in tribute enough money to have swept the corsairs from the sea. Less than two years afterward we got into trouble with France and had to build more vessels. The same was true in the war of 1812.

"We increase our navy so that it reaches a respectable standing during the time of war, but immediately upon the restoration of peace we permit it to go down. In the late war we had a very fair navy, but immediately after the war we let it go down, until for ten years we practically had no navy at all.

"Whether we are going to repeat our usual course at the close of this war I do not know, but I do not think so. During this war we are going to acquire territory. We are going to raise our flag over islands in remote parts of the world. Once the flag is raised we will never lower it. This acquisition of territory will be permanent. This in itself will make it necessary for us to maintain a navy. I think that after we have

ascertained as a result of the first conflict between modern vessels what improvements are necessary the work of making the United States a great naval power will be pushed rapidly.

"Senator Perkins of California is agitating the matter in the senate and is meeting with great success. Even the senators with Republican tendencies are convinced that this country should have a navy of considerable size. These do not go so far as others, yet they have signified their willingness to assist in rebuilding this arm of the service.

Representatives J. Murray Mitchell and Amos J. Cummings of New York are also earnest advocates of a stronger navy.

With a bigger navy and wider interests will come increased necessity for coaling stations at distant points.

"The time has come when the United States should have coaling depots in all parts of the world where our ships of war touch or are likely to touch," said Chairman Davis of the senate foreign relations committee. "I am in favor of establishing a coaling station wherever one is needed. Our rapidly growing trade with the orient makes it imperative that we should have a station in the Philippines. The depot which we now own in Hawaii is almost invaluable to us in time of peace, and it is an imperative necessity in time of war. We need a station in Cuba, Puerto Rico or some other place in the West Indies.

"That great navy which will, in my judgment, be built before the lapse of many years must have ample coaling facilities, and now is a good time for the acquisition of coaling stations. Our navy should be second to none in the world, and I am in favor of making provisions for ships of war which will make the United States impregnable."—New York World.

OUR NEW WAR PHRASE.

"Twenty Minutes For Breakfast" May Rank With Other Historic Words.

Not one of all the tribe of railway porters who ever shouted "Twenty minutes for breakfast!" into the rear door of a Pullman sleeping car ever expected that his cry should be repeated on the deck of a warship in action. But that is what seems to have actually happened in the record breaking battle of Manila.

At the time the fight was the hottest, when the Spanish ships were yet undestroyed and the batteries on shore were still alive the American ships ceased firing and withdrew. The first reports had it that it was for the purpose of repairing the ships, to hold a council of war and to land the wounded from the American ships. The latter report states the truth with Anglo-Saxon frankness—it was to give the men a chance to get something to eat. So a new war cry has been added to American history, and alongside of Lawrence's "Don't give up the ship!" and Perry's "We have met the enemy and they are ours!" will live Dewey's "Twenty minutes for breakfast!"

It is a great commander, a commander of very much more than ordinary ability who in the midst of a great naval combat whose issue was still undecided could remember that fighting is hungry work and that men are strongest and most intelligent when well fed. History records the deeds of heroes who in the excitement of battle have forgotten fatigue and wounds and hunger and all other considerations, but history has no record of such a battle as that of Manila and no record of a commander who stopped in the middle of a battle to get breakfast. The two facts are not unconnected.—Colorado Springs Gazette.



The inability of some men is always inviting the embrace of death. It is the delight of such men to boast of "tough fellows" they are, and tell how they overwork themselves and how they neglect little disorders and little illnesses that put other people on their backs. It may not sound nice to say so, but it is a fact that the average man is just that kind of a boastful, cheerful fellow, who, when he feels dull and weary, pays no attention to it; he feels dull and weary during the day, it isn't worth serious consideration; if he is troubled with sleeplessness at night, he does himself with opiates. When he suffers from nervousness, he walks into the nearest drug store and orders powerful medicines that even a physician would prescribe with great hesitancy. He knows, fellow, but without knowing it, he is hurrying death. There is a wonderful restorative tonic and health builder that will keep the hardest working man in good working shape; it is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is made of pure, honest, and back-sound ingredients, no minerals, no narcotics and no opiates. It simply aids nature in the natural processes of secretion and excretion. It tones up the stomach and facilitates the flow of digestive juices. It makes a man hungry as a horse; and then sees to it that the life-giving elements of the food he takes are assimilated into the blood. It invigorates the liver. It drives out all impurities and disease germs from the system. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It is the best of all nerve tonics. It cures bronchitis, throat and lung affections as well.

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JOHN A. BRITTON, President.

Dated May 17 1898.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

REGISTRATION.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF

Alameda County, Cal.

Notice is hereby given that all citizens whose names are on the Great Register of Alameda County are entitled to register in order to be entitled to vote at the next general election in November 1898.

That owing to the nature of the Legislature to provide assistance for Clerk, it is necessary to begin registration at an early date in order to satisfactorily attend to registration.

That voters who have since the date of the last general election taken up their residence in Alameda County and those who have since been removed from precincts in which their name appears on the Great Register, must make affidavit in order to have their names placed on Register of precincts in which they now reside.

That it is NOT necessary for voters who registered at the general election of 1896 and whose names appear on the Great Register of 1896 to again make affidavit for registration unless they have since changed their residence.

That registration will continue to and including August 9th, 1898, after which it will cease.

Attention is called to the provisions of Section 1083, which provides that those "who shall have been a resident of the State one year next preceding the election, and of the county in which they claim their vote NINETY DAYS, and in the election precinct THIRTY DAYS, are entitled to registration."

Further notice is hereby given that an affidavit for registration or transfer may be sworn to before any Deputy County Clerk in the different towns and precincts of the county, without charge.

Affidavits can also be sworn to before any Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.

Notice is given that after the filing of affidavits other than those of the purpose of TRANSFER, which names are entered on Great Register, postal cards will be sent giving notice of entry. If postal is not received, voters should ascertain the reason why.

The office of the County Clerk in the Hall of Records will be, until further notice, open for registration from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. of each day.

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